The Tibetan refugees have been given political asylum in India and are free to live here as long as they wish or till an amicable settlement with China is reached.

The question of return of tribal refugees, staying in Tripura, to Bangladesh, is being pursued with the Government of Bangladesh at various levels.

Coordination Committee held at Kathmandu

1346. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what measures were agreed to be taken up by the 16th Meeting of the Indo-Nepal Kosi Coordinating Committee held at Kathmandu to reduce flood ravages of the Kosi river; and

(b) by what time these measures are to be made effective to reduce the flood ravages?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) No new measures were agreed to.

(b) Does not arise.

Clearance of Polavaram River Valley Project in Andhra Pradesh

1347. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA. Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of Andhra Pradesh Government for Polavaram River Valley Project is pending with the Central Government;

(b) if so, what would be the estimated expenditure on this project including the power component; and

(c) what is the present position with regard to the clearance of this project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) to (c) Andhra Pradesh has been requested in December, 1987 to submit a modified project report keeping in view the observations made by the central appraising agencies.

Arrest of Income-tax defaulters

1348. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of income-tax defaulters arrested during the last three years, year-wise and upto 31st January, 1988; and

(b) the money thus collected by the Income Tax department from the defaulters during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The information so far available is given as under:

Year	Number of income-tax defaulters arrested	Amount of income-tax thus collected
		(Rs. in lakhs)
1985-86 . . .	1	Nil
1986-87 . . .	3	48.50
1987-88 . . . (upto 31-1-88)	3	0.12

Amendment in the sick industrial companies Act

1349. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has urged the Central Government to suitably amend changes in the Sick Industrial Companies Act;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) what are the details of the suggestions urged by the FICCI; and